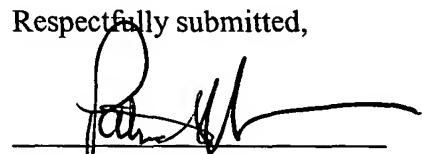


***REMARKS***

Claim 1 is now pending. The Applicants herein respectfully request examination of the application and allowance of the claim now pending. *The Examiner is kindly encouraged to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite any detail of the prosecution.*

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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